

leave them the exclusive possessions of these at our disposal. The Republicans have some rights atul must be protected. (V. C. Nicholas, 1801. F. VIII., o. 1.)

O'CONNOR.— When it is considered that during the late administration, those who were not of a particular sect were excluded from all office; when, by a steady pursuit of a measure, nearly the whole offices of the United States were monopolized by that sect; when the public sentiment at length declared itself, and burst open the doors of honor and confidence to those whose opinions they more approved, was he imagined that this monopoly of office was still to be retained in the hands of the minority? Does it violate equal rights, to assert the rights in the majority also? political intolerance to claim a proportionate share in the transaction of public affairs? Can they not be in the majority in everything they have everything in their own hands? If the will of the nation, manifested by their various elections, calls for an organization of government according with the opinion of the people, of elected; if, for the fulfilment of that will, measures necessary, with whom can they more judiciously be appointed in the last moments of an administration, not on their own aid, but to begin a career at the same time with the cessors, by whom they had never been approved, would who scarcely expect from them a cordial co-operation? * If a full participation of office is a matter of right, how vacancies are obtained? * Those by death are few; by rotation, none. Can any other mode than that by rotation be less objectionable? This is a painful office; but it is made my duty and I meet it as such, I proceed in the operation with discretion and inquiry, that it may injure no man; that it may effect the purposes of justice and public utility without private distress; that it may be thrown, as much as possible, on delinquency, on oppression, on intolerance, on incompetence, on antirevolutionary adherence to our enemies, * lament sincerely that unessential differences of political theory should ever have been deemed sufficient to interdict the society from the rights and the blessings of self government.